

REMARKS

The present application is a National Stage entry under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of International Patent Application PCT/NL03/00011, filed January 9, 2003. All amendments are made without prejudice or disclaimer. New claims 12-22 have been added. No new matter has been added.

The application is to be amended as set forth herein to conform more closely to U.S. practice.

The amendments present U.S. formatted claims and remove multiple dependencies. The new claims correspond generally to the claims in the International Patent Application PCT/NL02/00011. In particular, claims 12-16, and 18-23 correspond generally to claims 1-5 and 7-11 as identified in the International Application (IA). Claims 20-22 correspond generally to claim 6 as identified in the IA.

Support for Claims 12-22:

Support for new claims 12-22 can be found throughout the specification, for example, in claims 1-11 of the International Application, page 6, lines 18-34, page 8, lines 7-12, page 10, lines 22-34, and page 11, lines 26-34 of the International Application.

Substitute Specification:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.121 and 1.125, applicants have submitted a clean copy of the substitute specification as well as a marked-up version showing the changes made, attached hereto as Appendices A and B, respectfully. Furthermore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821 through 1.825, the specification has been amended to include sequence identifiers and a sequence listing. The required statements under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821 through 1.825 are submitted as Appendix C.

Priority Claim:

The substitute specification has been amended to recite the application status and priority claim of the application. In particular, the specification has been amended to recite that this

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“application is a national entry under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of International Patent Application PCT/NL03/00011, filed January 9, 2003, published in English as International publication WO 03/057242 on July 17, 2003, which claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119 of International Patent Application PCT/NL02/00010, filed January 9, 2002.”

CONCLUSION

If questions remain after consideration of the foregoing, the Office is kindly requested to contact applicants' attorney at the address or telephone number given herein.

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